Raids at medical store in AIIMS

†514. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which the medical store of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences was raided during the last three years indicating the irregularities detected, therein;

(b) the arrangements made to do away with those irregularities; and

(c) the persons found guilty and action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (c) A team of Anti-Corruption Branch of NCT Delhi and CBI team conducted surprise checks in the stores of AIIMS main hospital on 17-10-2003 and 30-10-2003 respectively. The Institute has not received any report from CBI and ACB till date. The instructions of Anti-Corruption Branch to develop foolproof system and methodology to ensure proper receipt and issue of drugs to various departments have been complied and various measures initiated to check recurrence of such practices in future.

Resolution of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare

515. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the unanimous resolution adopted by the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare to (i) include drinking water as a food item under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and (ii) to impose death sentence for manufacture and sale of spurious drugs that cause death or grievous injuries;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement these decisions and the time-frame therefor; and

(c) whether the existing enforcement agencies would need augmentation or strengthening to achieve these objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has decided to accept the recommendations of the Central

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